

Application No. 10/676,892  
Amendment Dated October 26, 2006  
Reply to Office action of July 26, 2006

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In the office action dated July 26, 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1, 4-21, 24-36 and 58-60. Claims 3 and 23 were objected to. The Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this response, claims 1, 21, and 58 have been amended to recite the limitation that

"component B comprises at least one melamine resin, urea formaldehyde resin, or a combination thereof".

Claims 3 and 23 have been cancelled. Claims 37-57 were previously withdrawn. Claims 1, 4-21, 24-60 remain pending in the application. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application by the Examiner in light of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

In the office action dated July 26, 2006 and in the previous office action dated February 8, 2006 the Examiner indicated that claims 3 and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In this response, claims 1, 21 and 58 have been amended to recite the limitations of claim 3, namely that "component B comprises at least one melamine resin, urea formaldehyde resin, or a combination thereof". Claims 1, 21 and 58 have been amended such that the limitations of claim 3 have been added to claims 1, 21 and 58 as originally filed.


In view of the amendments made to claims 1, 21 and 58 the Examiner's double patenting rejection and rejections made under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are now moot. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1, 4-21, 24-36 and 58-60 and their prompt allowance is respectfully solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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